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In re Application of:

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For: LARGE SIZED CARBON BLACK  
PARTICLES TO REDUCE NEEDED  
MIXING ENERGY OF HIGH  
HARDNESS, STIFF TIRE  
COMPOSITIONS

Art Unit: 1714  
Examiner: Wyrozebski Lee

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed December 23, 2004, Applicants submit remarks, and request reconsideration of their application. Applicants request a 1-month extension to the period for response. Please charge deposit account number 06-0925 in the amounts of \$120.00 to cover the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to the same.

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